GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:364
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CANCELLATIONS OF MEDICAL SEATS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India has recently cancelled 99 medical seats in various medical colleges in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any requests from West Bengal Government to reconsider the decision of MCI in this regard; and

(d) if so, the Government`s response thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d): The Medical Council of India has not cancelled any MBBS seat in West Bengal. However, as per Government of West Bengal, 99 students were admitted in the year under NRI/NRI Sponsored/Foreign Students/Management Quota in the two medical colleges namely Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Kolkata and Midnapore Medical College, Midnapore. But, the Hon`ble High Court of West Bengal at Kolkata declared this quota to be ultra vires the constitution. Against this order, the Government of West Bengal preferred SLP in the Supreme Court and the Hon`ble Court passed an interim order allowing continuation of 30 students against 15% NRI quota in afore-mentioned two medical colleges and directing dis-continuance of the remaining 69 students. The matter is subjudice.